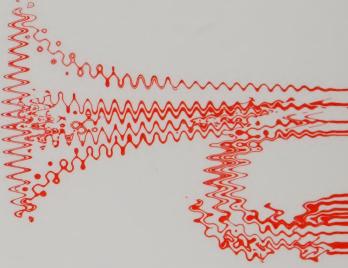


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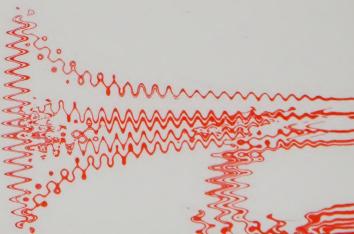
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PREFACE

The genesis of this album lies in the kindred spirits of four trumpet players who met one lunchtime in summer 1996 by the idyllic shores of Lake Placid, New York. Joyce Davis was President of the International Trumpet Guild (ITG); Kim Dunnick, the president-elect; Ed Carroll, our host, was director of the Lake Placid Institute Trumpet Seminar; I was the new chairman of the ITG commissions committee. As ospreys flapped lazily over the still water, our imaginations took wing and we conceived a series of compositions of a lyrical nature by contemporary composers. The resultant compositions in this album are the fruits of the unflinching support of the ITG presidents and governing boards since the inception of the project. The pieces demonstrate the rich diversity of composers writing today and their differing attitudes towards the complex voice of the trumpet. A wide range of skills is intentionally covered; the less experienced player will find much that is within grasp, yet there is much to challenge the virtuoso. The album is not totally dependent on keyboard accompaniment; two pieces are for trumpet alone and three for trumpet duet. We hope that these works will enrich the repertoire of our favourite instrument, reach out to yet more kindred spirits throughout the world, encourage new writing, and, above all, help keep the trumpet at the forefront of musical life.

John Wallace

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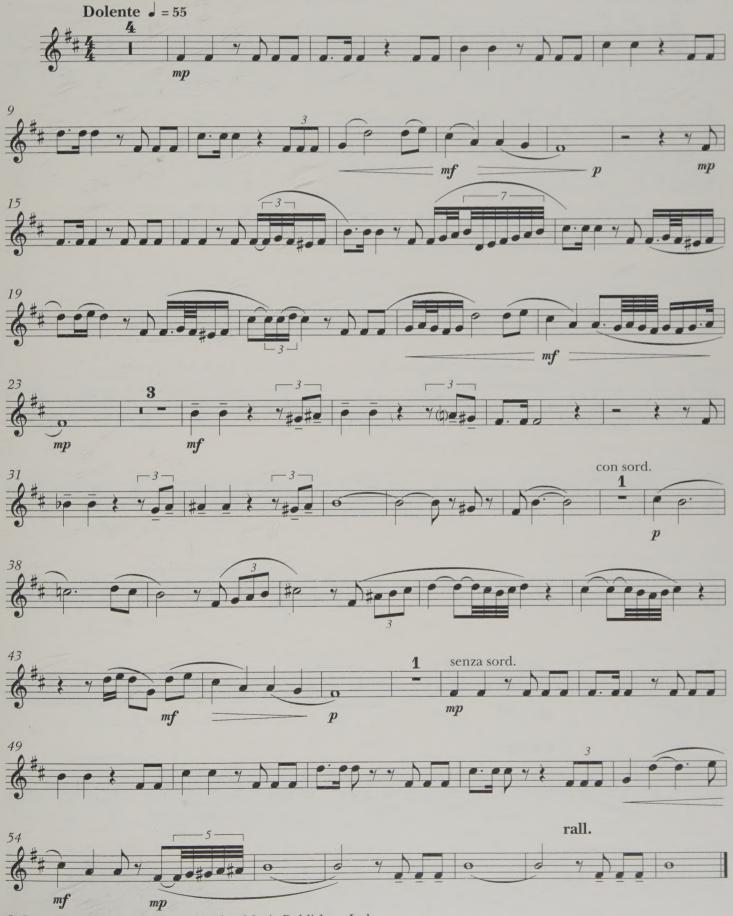
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for Tony, Gareth and Ian Small, 'Trumpets Three'

SALM O DEWI SANT

for trumpet in Bb and piano

KARL JENKINS (b. 1944)

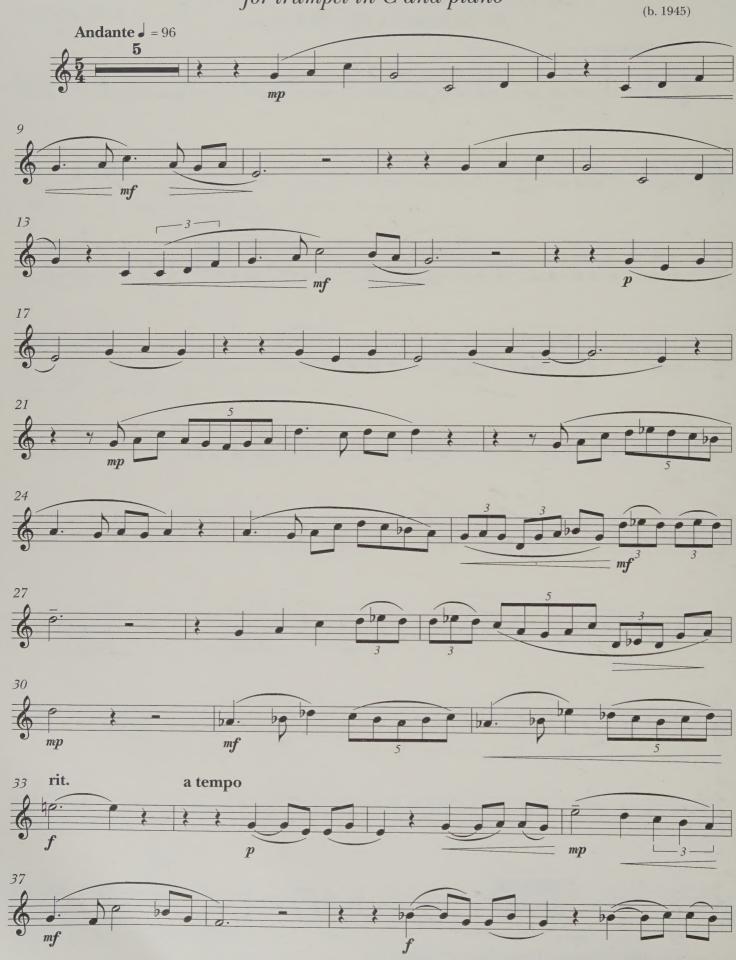


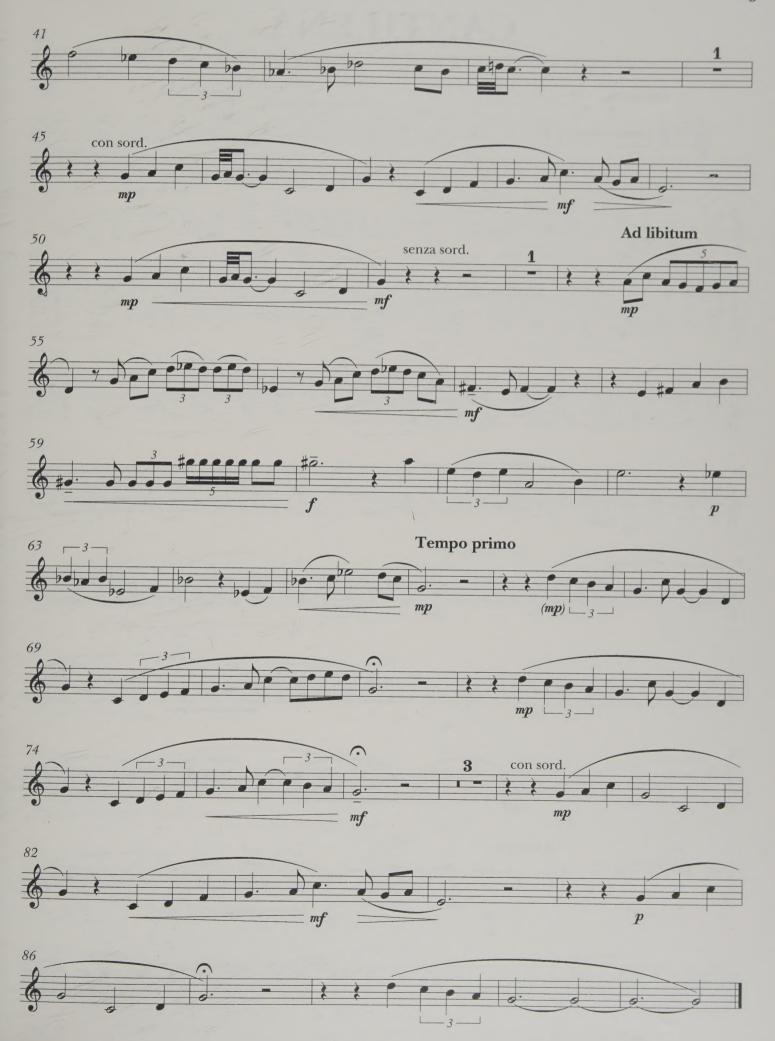
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CANTILENA

for trumpet in C and piano

CAROL BARRATT





CANTILENA

alternative part for trumpet in Bb

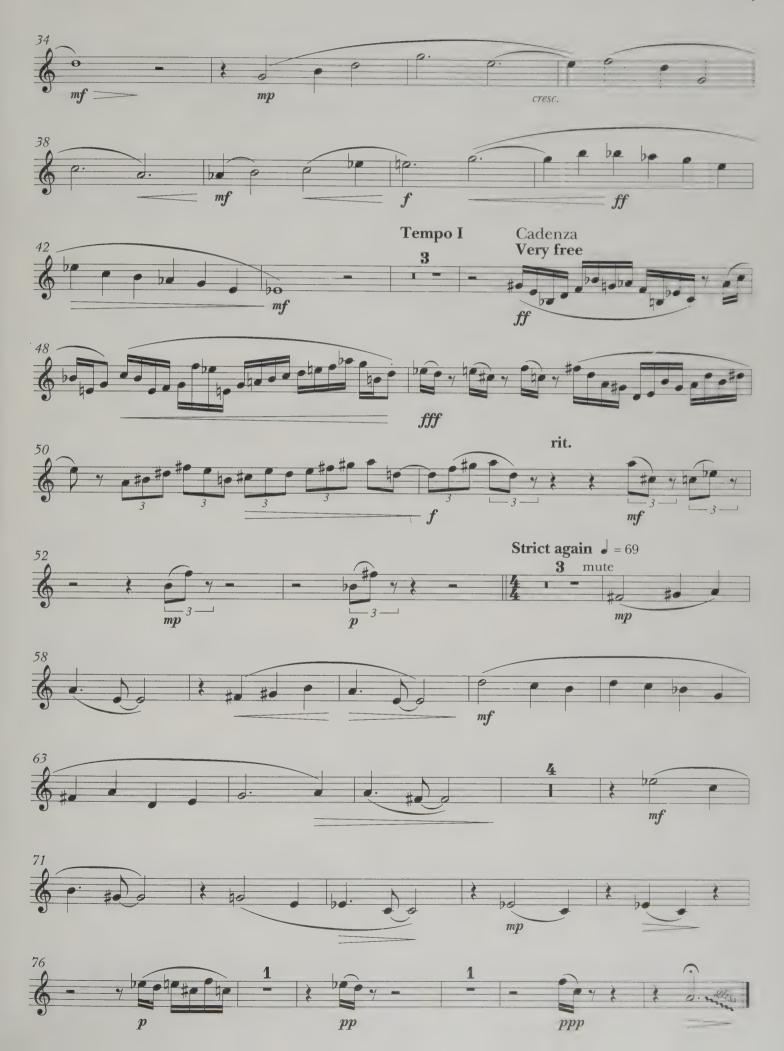
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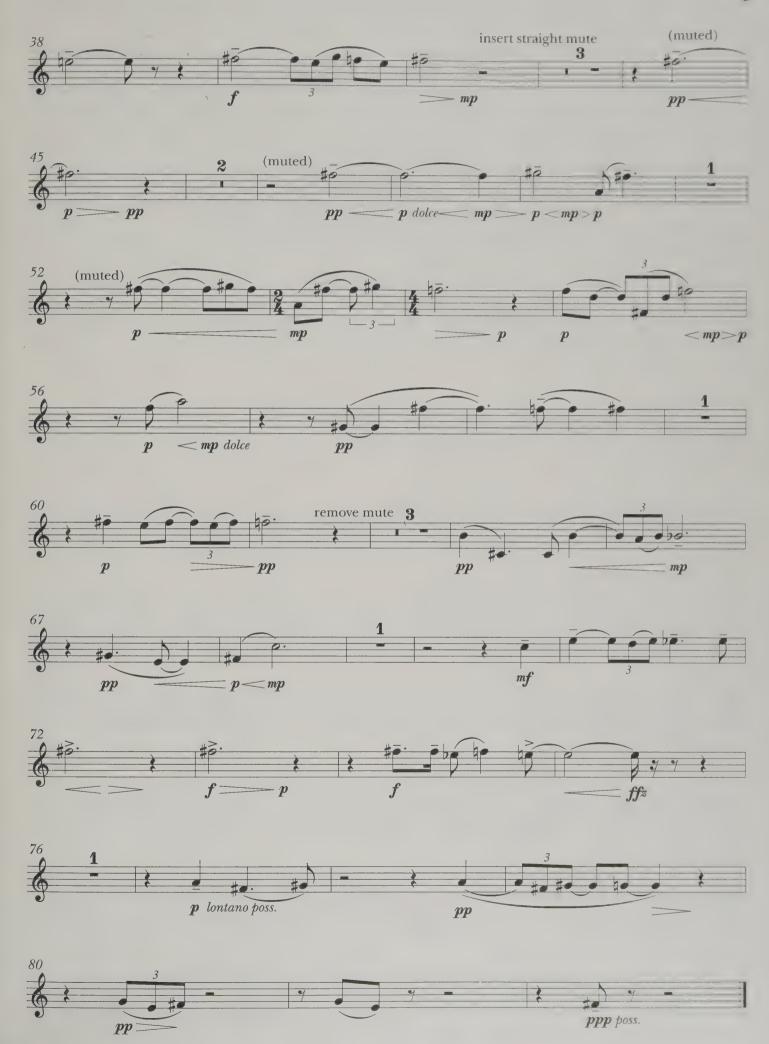
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for trumpet in C and piano

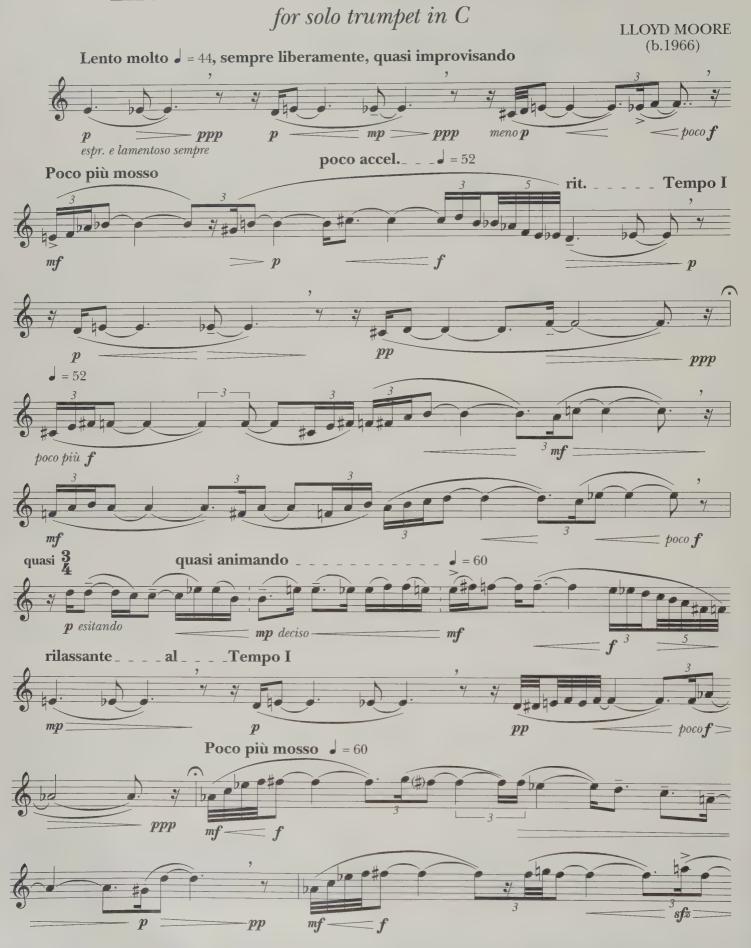
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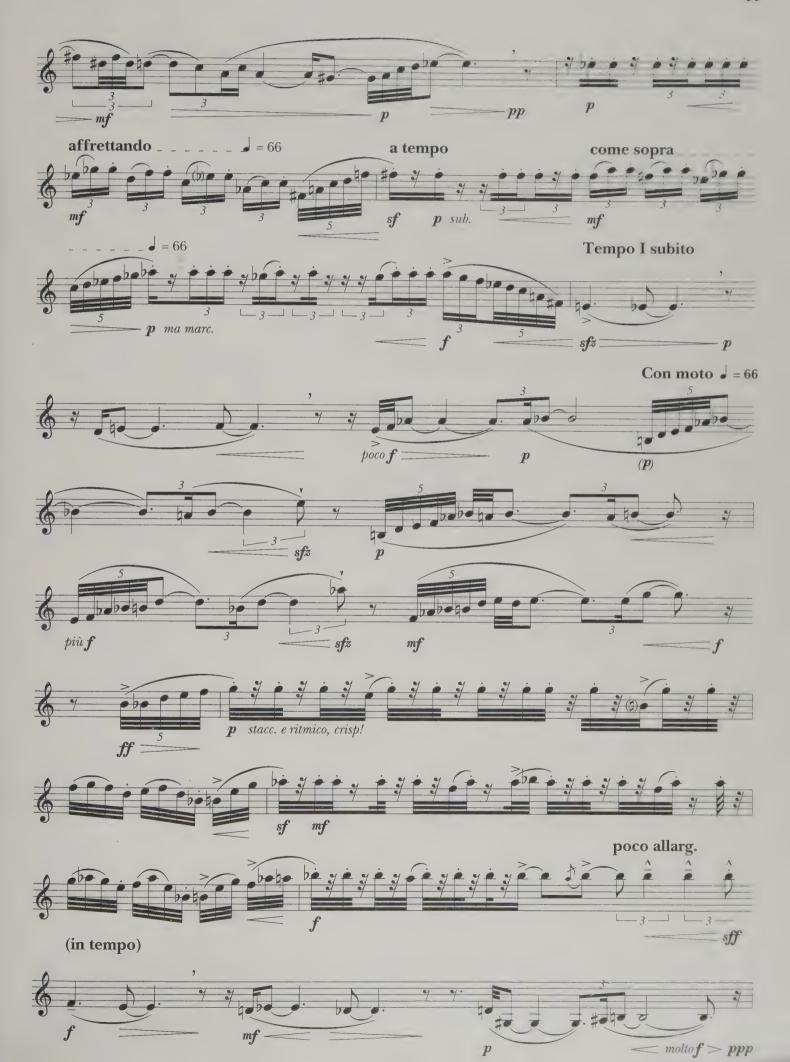
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LAMENTO RITORNANDO



Note: This piece is meant to be played with relative freedom, hence the absence of time signatures and bar-lines for long periods. Accidentals apply throughout the bar where given — otherwise, when there are no bar-lines, accidentals are valid for a whole line (cautionary accidentals should not imply a relaxation of this rule).





SERENADE

for trumpet in C and piano

KURT SCHWERTSIK (b. 1935)





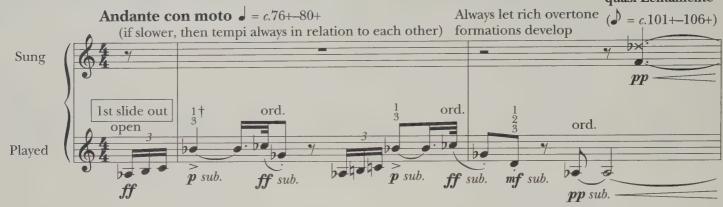


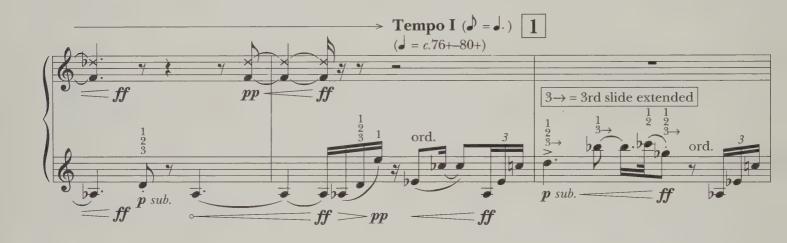
EXPOSED THROAT*

for solo trumpet in C

HK GRUBER (b. 1943)

Slower (c. J. = J) quasi Lentamente









* A reflection on a series of oil-on-canvas paintings (1998) by Claes Eklundh.

=intonation slide realized through alternative fingerings.

It might be advisable to use an appropriate sounding-board for the footsteps after fig. [27], or to stand on a sounding-board for the whole piece.

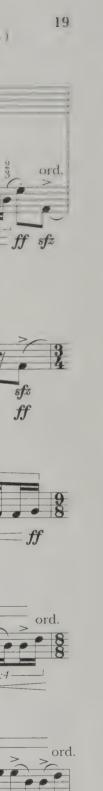
h.o.b.=hand over bell. Passim Clear Tone mute.

† Fingerings are suggestions only and will vary between players, between makes of trumpet, and on whether the player is fresh or tired.



† The VI-DEs are inserted as an intermediate step for student performance. The ideal is to perform the work in its entirety. The VI-DEs may also be employed when the piece is performed as an encore.







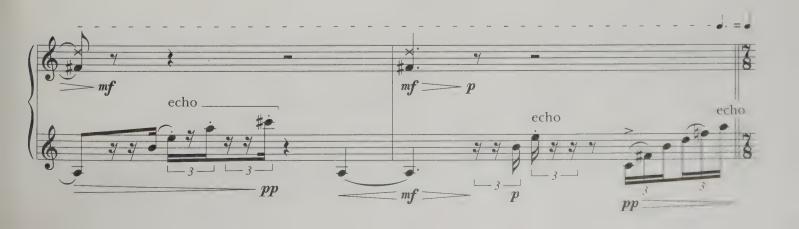


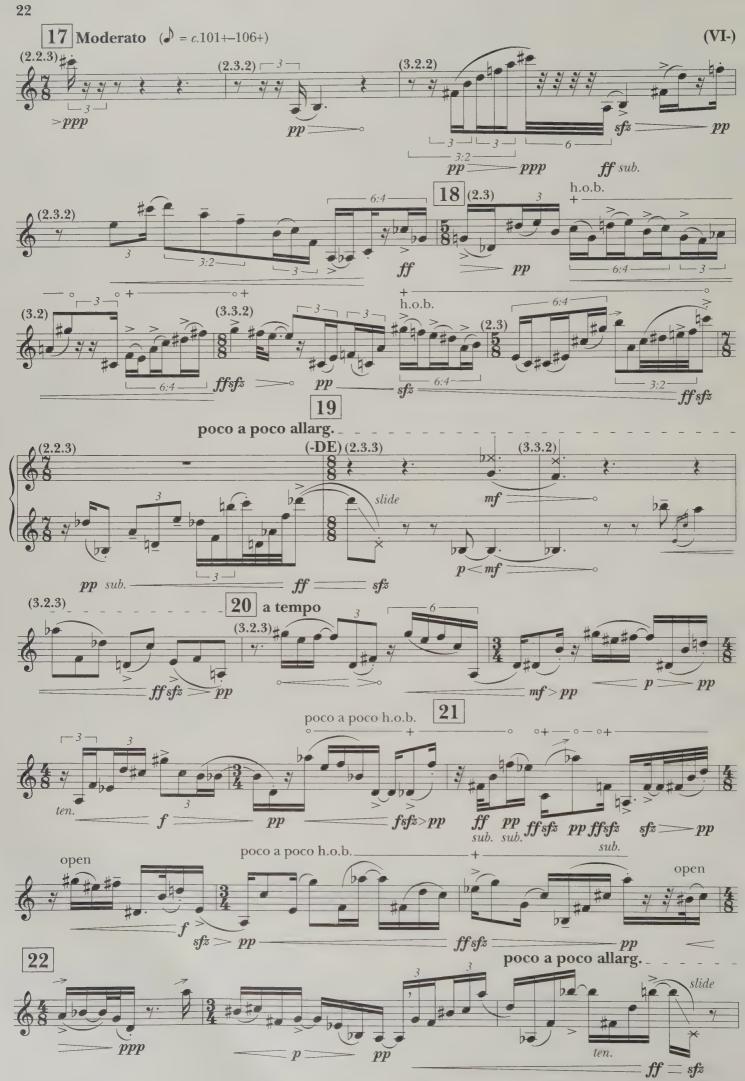
*On trumpets with a third slide water-key the echo effect can be assisted by opening the water-key for echo notes only.

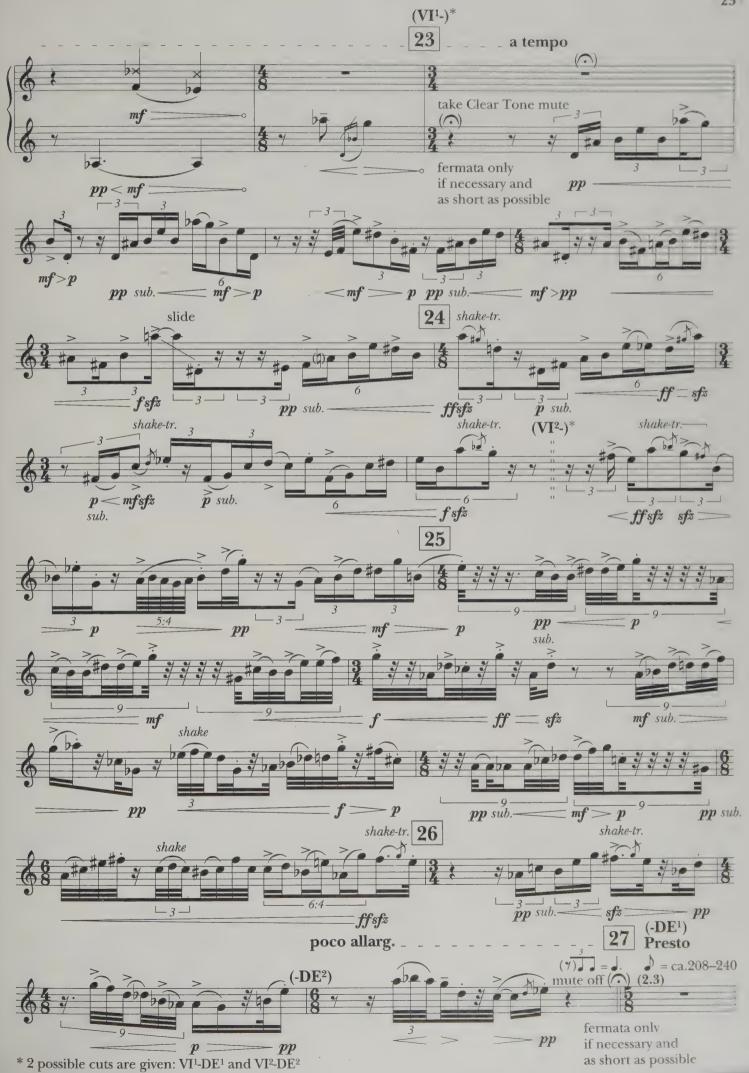


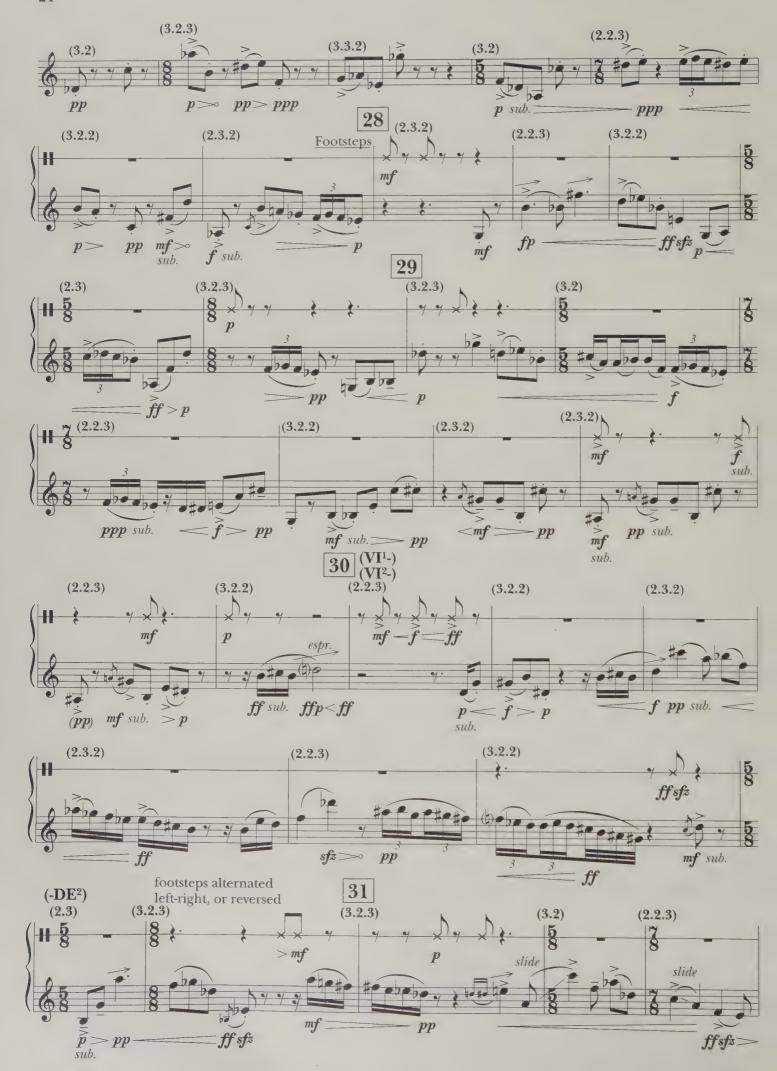


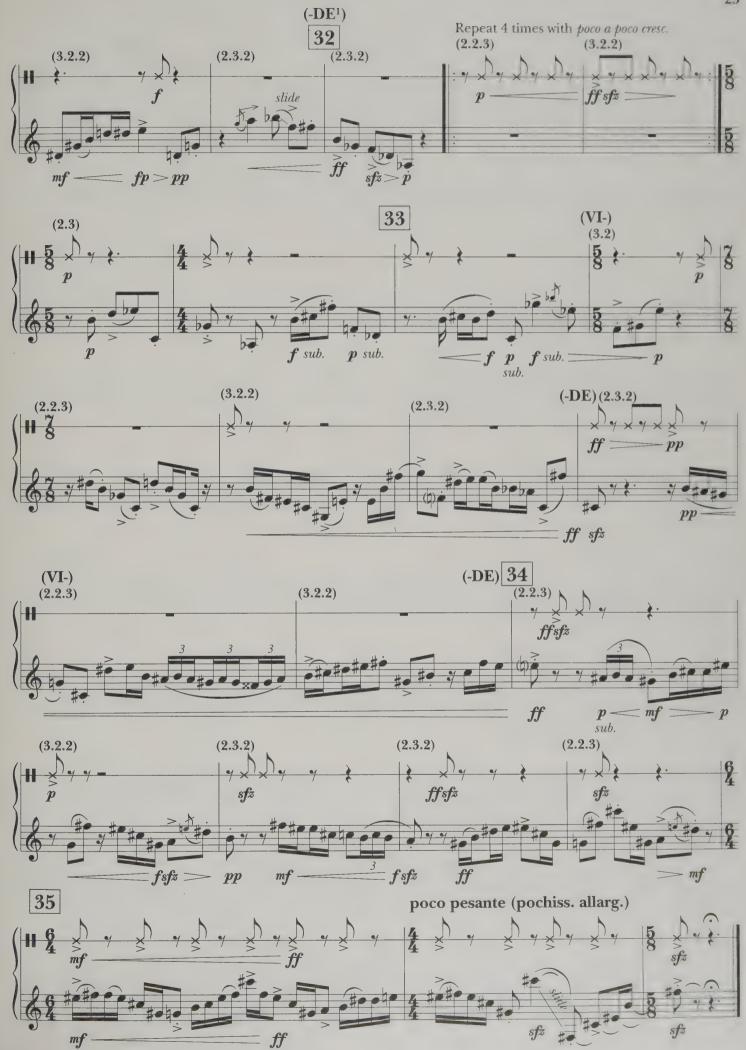




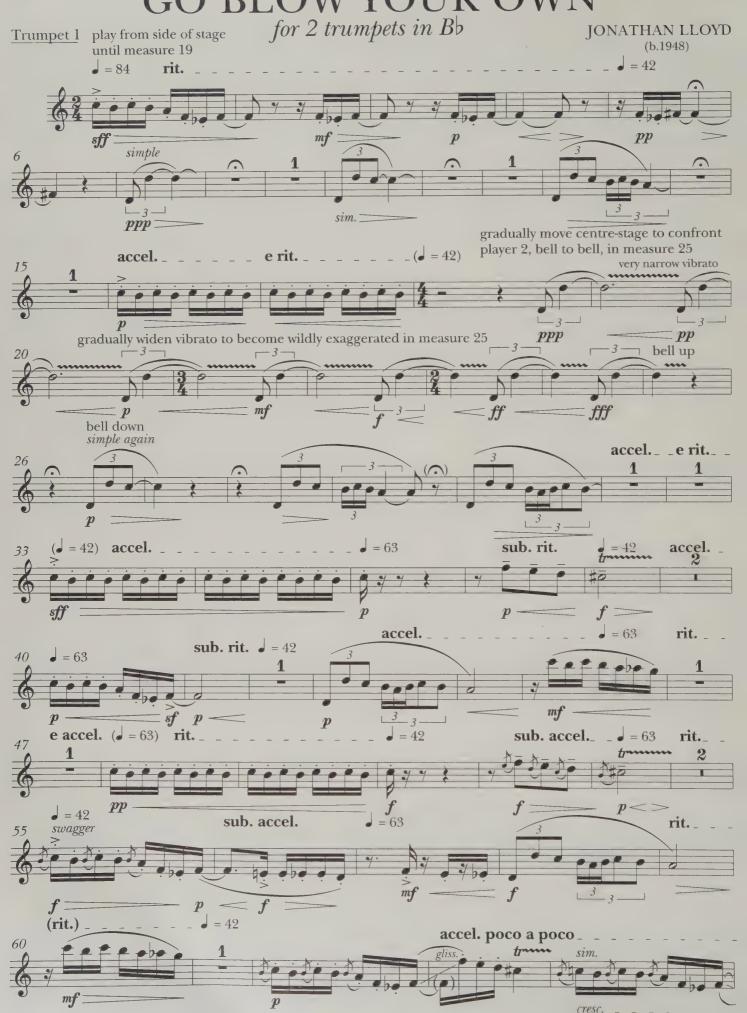


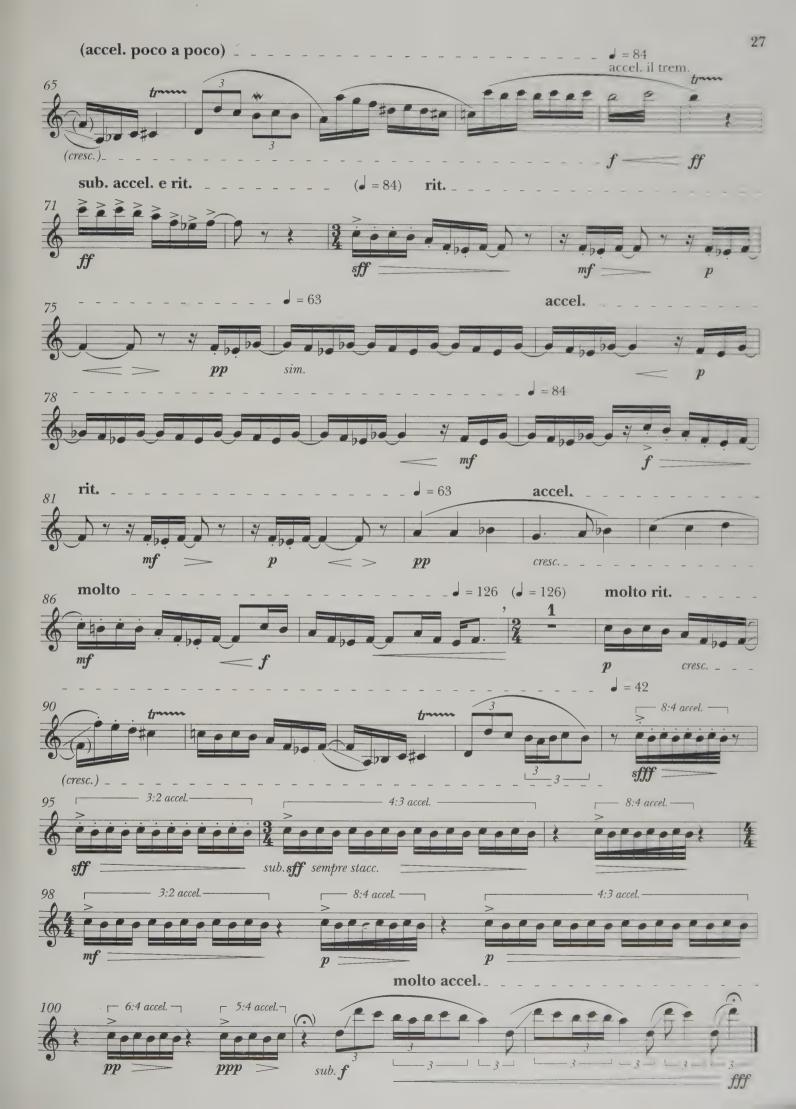






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MELODY WITH ECHO

Trumpet 1 on-stage, senza sord.

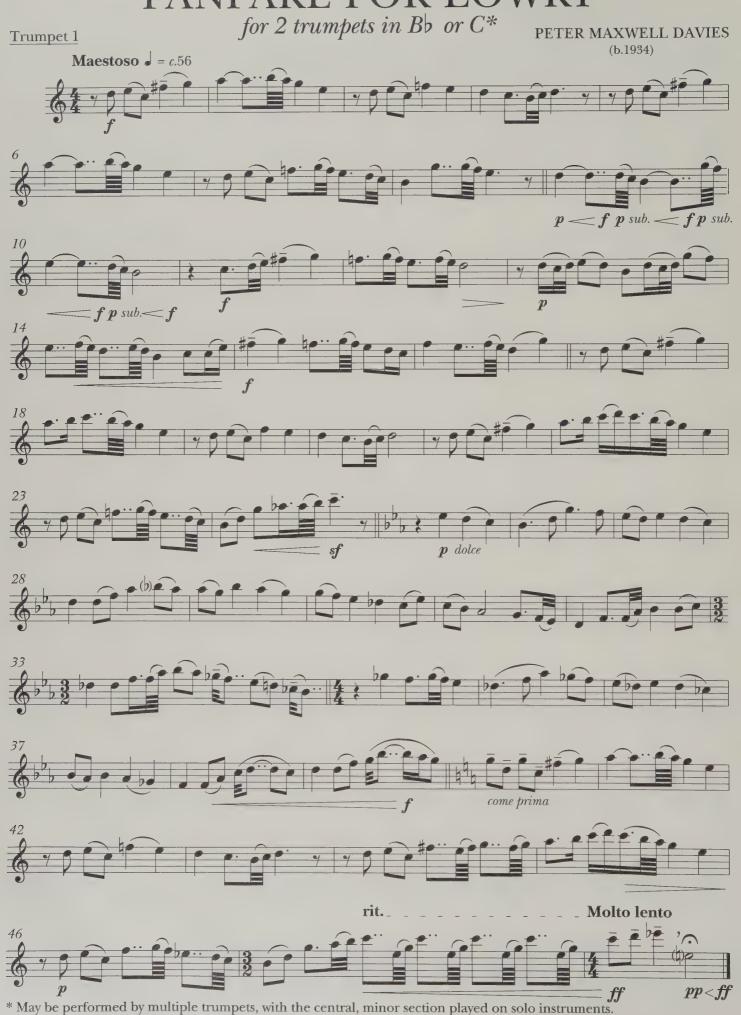
from Sonata for 2 trumpets

ROBIN HOLLOWAY (b.1943)





FANFARE FOR LOWRY



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PERFORMANCE NOTES

Salm o Dewi Sant (Karl Jenkins)

A hymn in praise of Saint David, the patron saint of Wales. Aim for the mellow sound of a flugelhorn in this simple yet telling devotional melody. Take time over the fast notes, playing them in a leisurely, languid fashion.

Cantilena (Carol Barratt)

For this slow melodious style of writing, the player needs a good command of legato. Support the flow of air into the instrument and, for beauty of sound, be conscious of shaping the air with the tongue as when producing spoken and sung vowel sounds. Take care to co-ordinate the action of the valves with the breathing.

Cries and Whispers (Ned Rorem)

A piece of extremes, from the declamatory cries of the opening to the subdued whispers of the ending. Precise and close control of the embouchure is required for this work's subtleties. Repeatedly practise the two octave leaps in bar 30, both as they appear and in reverse, to attune the mind and lip to the wide range required. Play the final glissando half-valving, like a dying whimper (this will require practising very many times in order to reproduce, on demand, exactly the right feel).

Elegy (David Horne)

A study in atmosphere, and in subtle colours. Dynamics between *piano* and *pianissimo* are often neglected by trumpet players, yet are worthy of practice, particularly if aspirations of landing an orchestral job are to be satisfied (remember *Rienzi*)! In the fragmentary melodic line, bring out the contradictory nature of the chromaticism - in the first phrase between D sharp and D natural, in the second phrase between C natural and C sharp, and so on. This will give the phrasing logic and direction, and present a unified approach to the piece, as this element is present throughout.

Serenade (Kurt Schwertsik)

A study in "the long line", a melodic concept originating in string playing, brought to the horn first by Robert Schumann, then to the trumpet by Richard Strauss. Approach this stamina-sapping work with care, practising first in short sections, taking care that your breathing is as relaxed as possible. In order to conserve energy when practising a tiring work, do not always start at the beginning. A good alternative is to start in the middle, and work forwards and backwards. This avoids repetitive practice breeding discouragement. One last tip - beware of the tendency to play the semiquavers (sixteenth notes) too fast in this type of music.

Lamento ritornando (Lloyd Moore)

A work with three areas of difficulty: extreme dynamics, rapid passages and staccato notes in the lower and higher registers. Practise these three elements in isolation. The extreme dynamics should be practised by using notes like the bottom B at the foot of the second page, with its *p*, *crescendo*, *molto f*, *diminuendo*, *ppp*. The secret here is in diaphragm control, especially in the *diminuendo*. Be careful that the pitch remains constant. The rapid passages will come to lie under the fingers with slow metronome practice, incrementally increasing the speed up to the performing tempo. During the repeated-note staccato passages, keep the *back* of the tongue at a constant level. The pitch will then remain constant, and the quality of sound will not crack up.

Exposed Throat (HK Gruber)

The most technically complex piece in this album. There are three elements which may be unfamiliar:

- 1) deconstructing the instrument
- 2) singing and playing simultaneously
- 3) coordinating body percussion and playing

HK Gruber extensively consulted the virtuoso trumpet player Håkan Hardenberger whilst writing this piece and has used and notated these effects very simply.

- 1) Deconstruction is evident right from the beginning. Take out the first valve slide and lay it on your stand, for easy access later. Finger the 4th note (B flat) I and 3, and the air will pass through the open 1st valve, producing the same pitch but with a strange, other-worldly sound (Stanley Friedman pioneered this effect in his Solus of 1975). Rigorously follow the instructions regarding removing and replacing valve slides as the piece progresses.
- 2) Singing and playing. Gruber has notated this on two staves for ease of reading. Play the notes on the lower stave, and sing those on the upper. Make sure, in bar 2 for example, to sing the F a 6th above and not a 3rd below. This is the only way to ensure the appearance of the spectral sound on D flat, a further 6th higher. This will only appear when the A flat and F are perfectly in tune, and will take a little practice. Male players may have to use falsetto voice.
- 3) Body percussion is, in this piece, simply the sound of footsteps. Use a resonant part of the stage, or shoes with hard soles. Guard against the tendency for the feet to rush.

This is a difficult piece with many hidden delights which will repay the many hours of study which need to be devoted to it.

Go Blow Your Own (Jonathan Lloyd)

The "title song" of the album: a work which explores the fun element in trumpet playing. In performance, act out the chasing and imitating games. Enjoy the wildly exaggerated vibrato. It is not often the trumpet player gets an invitation to go over the top! Use hand vibrato, shaking the trumpet on the face for maximum effect, but remember the po-faced non-vibrato in bar 100, which serves to highlight the previously outrageous behaviour!

Melody with Echo from Sonata for 2 trumpets (Robin Holloway)

A piece in which the KISS principle (keep it simple, stupid) works best. Never allow the long melodic line to become metronomic. Flexibility of metre is the key to finding the emotional centre of this music. Always make time to integrate the responses of the offstage trumpet.

Fanfare for Lowry (Peter Maxwell Davies)

A long "blow"! To counteract potential problems with stamina, swap parts between sections. Mind the difference between the hemidemisemiquavers (sixty-fourth notes) and demisemiquavers (thirty-second notes). The former add flourish to the fanfare, and are as fast as grace notes. The latter are melodic, and should be played with elegance.

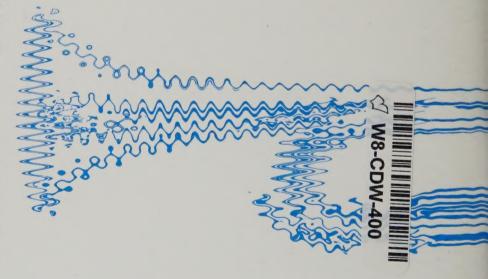


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